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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday,

9th August 1935.

24th Karkidagam, 1110.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E., in the Chair.

Messrs. K. T. Mathew, K. Ahtamurthi Nambudiripad, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar and H. J. Walkesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Poonkunnam Girls' School.

281. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government be pleased to state (1) the number of classes in Poonkunnam Girls' School, Trichur, and the total number of students in the school at present;

(2) when was the school re-opened after the last vacation;

(3) had all the classes teachers on the re-opening day;

(4) when were teachers appointed to each class after the re-opening;

(5) has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article in "Keralan" "പൊന്നുരുന്നി ഗേൾസ് സ്കൂൾ" dated 27th Mithunam regarding the said Girls' School;

(6) is it a fact that one teacher had to manage many classes on account of the absence of other teachers;

(7) is it a fact that the students were asked to go home after taking the attendance without doing any work;

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(8) how many classes were without teachers on the 20th Mithunam?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (1) Four classes having 9 divisions and 326 students.

(2) 21st Edavam 1110.

(3) Yes.

(4) No answer is necessary in view of answer to sub-division (3). (One more division was opened in the School and an additional teacher was appointed on 21st Mithunam 1110).

(5) No.

(6) No.

(7) No.

(8) Two.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know how many teachers are there in the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—There are nine teachers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—With reference to answer to (5) may I know whether the Hon'ble Member is in the habit of reading "Keralan"?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I read as many papers as I have leisure.

Mr. K M. Ibrahim:—I ask with reference to this particular paper.

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I read every paper without discrimination.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Sub-division (8). May I know how this happened?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—The reason is we do not know the number of divisions which will have to be opened until the admission period is over and the periodical reports are sent. It so happened that the first 2 or 3 days being devoted for the admission of fresh children no reports were sent as to the number of classes. This could be determined only after the admissions are over. When the reports reached the head office as regards the new divisions necessitated by the new admissions teachers were posted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know whether the double shift is not the practice in Sirkar schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—In some schools it is the practice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—May I know whether at any time after the re-opening of the school and the new admissions the students had to be sent away for want of teachers?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Sometimes teachers go on casual leave, and then the head master has the option of combining classes, then take the attendance and send them away.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—After the re-opening there were 9 classes. May I know whether at any time more than four classes were without teachers at the same time?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—No, unless the teachers were on casual leave which is a thing I have not ascertained.

Houses—Chalakkudi Pulaya Colony.

282. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many houses have been constructed at Government cost in the Chalakkudi Pulaya Colony in the years 1106, 1107, 1108 and 1110;

(2) of these, how many houses do actually exist in the Colony at present?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) In the Vijayaraghavapuram Colony, 5 houses were built in 1107 and 10 in 1108 and no houses in 1106 and 1110.

(2) All the houses do exist in the Colony now.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Are all the huts habitable?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—May I know how many persons are residing in these Houses?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I want notice.

School at Madikkunnu Depressed Class Colony.

283. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a new school building at Madikkunnu Depressed Class Colony gave way;

(b) if so, when was it;

(c) when was it taken charge by the Education Department;

(d) was it during school hour that the building fell down;

(e) were any students got injured;

(f) who was the contractor who constructed the building;

(g) how much amount was spent;

(h) what is the loss sustained by Government?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) A part of the temporary shed in which the school was housed gave way due to heavy rains.

(b) On 10th Mithunam 1110

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